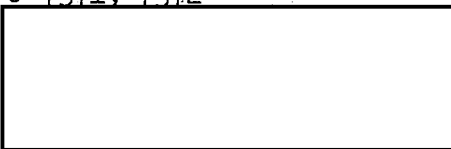


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1. PRE-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF



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REVEALS THREE MILITARY AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF BAN THAY:

AREA A, LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), CONTAINS A REVETTED 4-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA SITE AND AN ADJACENT UNRETTED 4-GUN UNOCCUPIED AAA SITE. A FORMER MILITARY AREA LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE AAA SITES HAS BEEN ABANDONED AND FOUR PARTIALLY DISMANTLED BUILDINGS REMAIN. SEVERAL ISOLATED BUILDINGS/HUTS ARE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. ONE BOMB CRATER IS OBSERVED 0.1 NM EAST OF THE AAA SITES.

AREA B (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF ROUTE 9, CONTAINS THREE SUB-AREAS. SUB-AREA A, AN APPARENTLY INACTIVE MILITARY AREA ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HOUEI ACAI (RIVER), CONTAINS SIX BUILDINGS (THREE PARTIALLY DISMANTLED). SUB-AREA B, A NEWLY IDENTIFIED AREA 0.2 NM EAST OF SUB-AREA A, CONTAINS AT LEAST EIGHT BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. SUB-AREA C, IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF SUB-AREA A, CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY AND APPEARS TO HAVE LIGHT TRACK ACTIVITY AT ITS ROAD ENTRANCES.

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AREA C (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC), 1.8 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAN THAY IS AN EXTENSIVE ROAD-SERVED BARRACKS/STORAGE AREA, APPROXIMATELY 0.5 SQUARE MILES IN AREA, CONTAINING AT LEAST 66 DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS UNDER A HEAVY TREE CANOPY. HEAVY WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SEVERAL ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE AREA ARE PARTIALLY DISMANTLED.

2. STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS:

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AREA A -- AT LEAST TWO HUTS IN THE AREA AND FOUR HUTS 0.2 NM SOUTH OF THE AREA ARE OBSERVED BURNING. TWO BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE TWO AAA SITES. SMOKE OBSCURES A PORTION OF THE AREA.

AREA B -- NO APPARENT DAMAGE.

AREA C -- HEAVY DRIFTING SMOKE COMING FROM THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE AREA PARTIALLY OBSCURES THE BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. AT LEAST TWO PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED EMITTING SMOKE. A STRAFING RUN IS OBSERVED IMPACTING ON THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF THE AREA, BUT NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE PARTIALLY CONCEALED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA IS OBSERVED. TWO CLOSELY SPACED BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED ON THE SOUTHEAST EDGE OF THE AREA. THE MAJOR PORTION OF AREA C DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AFFECTED BY THE AIR ATTACK.

AN UNNAMED VILLAGE LOCATED 0.6 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE MILITARY AREA IS PARTIALLY DESTROYED. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN OF THE THIRTY BUILDINGS ARE BURNING.

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3. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REVEALS BURNED RICE PADDIES IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE MILITARY AREA.

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4. AREA HAS BEEN COVERED ON NUMEROUS [REDACTED], LAZY DAISY,

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[REDACTED] LUCKY DARGON, AND TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS.

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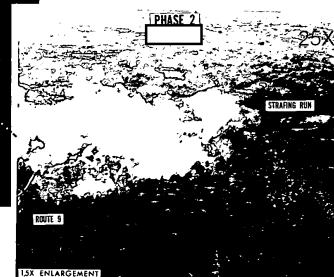
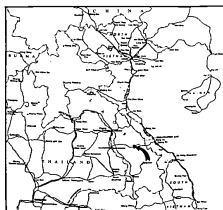
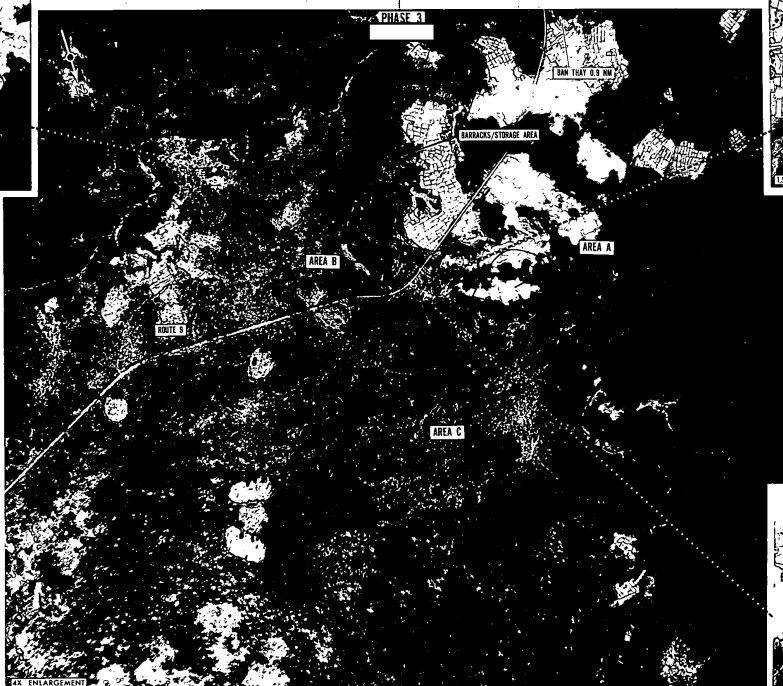
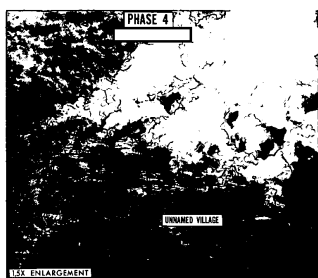
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